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MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mineral Springs Baptist Association

HELD WITH

CHALYBEATE SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH,

Sept. 19, 20, and 21, 1894.

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## OFFICERS.

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W. C. McLAUGHLIN, - - MODERATOR, - - - - - Leeds, Ala.  
H. C. HOUSE, - - - CLERK AND TREASURER, - - Lewisburg, Ala.

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The next session of the Association will be held with Liberty Church,  
commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1895.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Moderator call the delegates to order and hear the introductory.
2. Call for letters from the churches.
3. Appoint reading clerks and have letters read.
4. Elect the various officers for the year.
5. Call for new churches.
6. Call for visiting brethren to have seats.
7. Call for correspondents from other Associations.
8. Return correspondents.
9. Appoint the different committees, to-wit—
  - On Devotions,
  - On Sabbath Schools,
  - On Documents,
  - On State of Religion,
  - On Temperance,
  - On Superannuated Ministers,
  - On Deceased Ministers and Deacons,
  - On Missions,
  - On Education,
  - On Finance.
10. Call for report of Executive Board.
11. Call for report of standing committees.
12. Appoint standing committees.
13. Appoint time and place for next meeting.
14. Appoint ministers to preach annual sermons.
15. Offer thanks and other miscellany.

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## MINUTES.

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### THURSDAY--MORNING SESSION.

The introductory sermon was to have been preached by Rev. W. C. Wingo. Bro. Glenn, representing the State Mission Board, was invited to preach in Bro. Wingo's place. He preached an able and interesting sermon from the text: 2 Cor. 5th chapter, latter clause of 19th verse, "And hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened at 3 P. M. by Moderator W. D. Shaw, who read 1st Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Sayville.

Called for Letters. Letters were read from the churches, and the following delegates enrolled as members of the body:

#### CHURCHES WITH DELEGATES.

New Hope—M. P. Echols, T. S. Johnson, T. S. Teer.

Coalburg (second B. Ch.)—A. W. Smith, J. M. Hall, N. J. McMayhan.

Springdale—H. C. House, A. J. Sharrit, N. H. Erwin.

Antioch—W. W. Statum, Jno. Hodges, S. L. Waldrop.

New Bethel—Rev. Jas. A. Owens, R. E. Smith, L. H. Shuttleworth, Rev. G. B. Powell.

Mount Olive—G. S. Sloan, T. B. McCormack, W. G. Clement, W. C. Fulmore, alt., C. E. Goode, B. H. Belcher.

Mineral Springs—W. C. Wingo, W. M. Woolford, J. T. Hodges, F. F. Green.

Chalcedona—D. D. Sherrill, D. P. Reid, E. Whitehead, C. G. Turnham, alt.

Watts' Union—W. D. Shaw, J. R. Taylor, E. G. Bibb.

Liberty—D. J. Hughes, W. J. Carlisle, J. O. Haywood, W. R. Guthrey, J. M. Doss.

Bros. W. C. Wingo and G. S. Sloan were appointed reading clerks. Letters were read.

W. C. McLaughlin was elected Moderator, and H. C. House Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

On motion, Bros. Posey, Hawkins and Sayville, of the Birmingham Association, were given seats with this body.

The Moderator appointed the following delegates to the State Baptist Convention: Revs. W. D. Shaw, W. C. Wingo, J. S. Jernigan, J. R. Taylor, J. M. Fountain, F. F. Green, J. A. Moncrief.

On motion, a delegate and alternate were elected to attend the Southern Baptist Convention: J. M. Fountain, Delegate; W. D. Shaw, Alternate.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

*On Devotions*—H. C. House, A. J. Sharrit, N. H. Erwin.

*On State of Religion*—M. P. Echols, T. S. Johnson, T. S. Teer.

*On Temperance*—G. S. Sloan, T. B. McCormack, W. C. Clement.

*On Sunday Schools*—W. D. Shaw, J. R. Taylor, F. G. Bibb.

*On Deceased Ministers and Deacons*—D. J. Hughes, W. J. Carlisle, J. O. Haywood.

*On Missions*—W. C. McLaughlin, J. M. Fountain, T. A. Elliott, chairman.

*On Education*—Rev. J. A. Owens, R. E. Smith, L. H. Shuttleworth.

*On Finance*—A. W. Smith, J. M. Hall, N. C. McMayhan.

*On Documents*—W. C. Wingo, W. M. Woolford, J. T. Hodges.

#### REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. D. Shaw will preach to night.

Bro. J. S. Jernigan will preach Friday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Report of Devotional Committee was adopted.

Services were conducted by Bro Jernigan Thursday night at 7 o'clock, followed by Bro. Green.

#### FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

After reading the 24th Psalm, prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Report of Committee on Missions was adopted :

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Missions, beg leave to report as follows :

As a new Association, many things demand our attention, chief among which is the command to spread the gospel. Perhaps no one cause is of so great importance, and since inactivity on the part of ministers and members in proclaiming salvation to ungodly men and women, in our bounds, causes a coldness to pervade our churches, so anti-missionary work should cause this Association to take a back seat in the great work that is being pushed by other Associations.

Looking over the report of missions for the State of Alabama, for the year ending April 30, we find that the Baptists contributed—

For Home Missions . . . . . \$ 3,753 75

For Foreign Missions . . . . . 7,497.71

Total . . . . . 11,251.46

Surely, this body ought to do something for the cause of missions. We recommend that the delegation of this Association make an effort to place missionary literature in the hands of the members of their respective churches.

T. A. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

Motion, that the churches in this Association co-operate with Bro. Glenn in State Mission work.

Report on Sunday School taken up, discussed and adopted:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, respectfully submit the following report:

The obligation to work in the vineyard of the Master seems to us imperative on each of His followers. We see no exemption applying to any class among the redeemed of the the Lord. Qualifications and environment may have much to do in deciding the question of individual duty in the glorious work entrusted to our hands; but such is the magnitude of the field, and such the variety of the work of the Sunday School, that there is not a single Christian, no matter what his talents or acquirements, who may not glorify the Master, and promote his own spiritual growth, by taking an active part in this grand work; hence the live Sunday School has appropriately been styled "the church at work."

"Wake, workers of Jesus! the Master is calling;  
The fields are all bending with grain;  
O, where are the reapers who gather the harvest?  
Among them there is room, come enter the train."

E. G. BIBB, Chairman.

EVENING SESSION.

After reading the 16th Psalm, prayer was offered by W. C. Wingo.

Report of Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was adopted:



## REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, have the pleasure of reporting, that we find no deceased ministers or deacons within the bounds of our Association. Therefore, we recommend the Association to return thanks to God for prolonging the lives of our members.

D. J. HUGHES, Chairman.

On motion, Bros. S. H. Bucklen and J. M. Burns were received as correspondents from Mud Creek Association.

Report of Committee on Superannuated Ministers adopted:

## REPORT ON SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS.

We, your Committee on Superannuated Ministers, report that we find none of our old veterans needing help within the bounds of our Association. Glad to know that God is blessing his old soldiers.

W. C. WINGO, Chairman.

Report of missionary work of Bro. Wingo:

## REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

Traveled in the work 361 miles. Preached 59 sermons. Delivered 12 Sunday School lectures. Organized: 3 prayer meetings, 1 church and 4 Sunday Schools. Baptized on the mission work 26, attended 4 funerals, and had prayers at 3 sick beds. Was actively engaged 51 days. Paid out as traveling expenses \$4.40; received nothing from Association. I went to work under instructions of the Executive Board. From the last of January continued solidly in the work until the first of April, when, seeing that the times were growing so hard that the churches could not support the work, I was forced to stop and do such missionary work as I could, and not hold the Association under obligation any longer; but continued to pastor the church I had organized, and where I baptized the number above referred to. I also baptized 12 for Mineral Springs Church, and served them as pastor the balance of the year,

W. C. WINGO.

On motion, the money due Bro. Wingo will be devided between the churches of this Association.

Report on Education was adopted :

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to report as follows :

We believe that upon the education of the youth of the country depends our future moral and material welfare. Education consists not in the stock of information gathered, as much as upon the moral training of the man. It is the civilizer. Bringing the people out of the ruts of ignorance and prejudice, it places them upon the broad plane of investigation, and of social and moral fellowship. We urge upon the churches within our Association the importance of seeing that good schools are conducted within their bounds.

A. J. SHARRITT.

Report of Committee on State of Religion :

#### REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

We, your committee, find that we are prosperous in the bounds of our Association ; that there have been great revivals, and the cause of Christ is advancing. Pray on, that before the close of another year the gospel may reach every dark corner, and accomplish its mighty work of saving souls ; that churches may be built up. While we are young, let us blend our energies together for the cause of Christ and His kingdom here on earth,

T. S. TEER, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Finance adopted :

#### REPORT ON FINANCE.


Mineral Springs minister . . . . .	\$ 1.25
Mt. Olive . . . . .	1.30
Watts' Union . . . . .	1.25
Springdale . . . . .	1.50
Sec. B. Ch. of Coalburg . . . . .	1.50
New Bethel . . . . .	2.10



On motion, Springdale Church was selected as the next meeting place for the First District meeting, to be held on Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1895.

On motion, New Hope Church was selected as the next meeting place for the Second District Meeting, to be held on Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1895.

W. D. Shaw was appointed to preach the introductory sermon.



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Chalybeate . . . . .	2 00
New Hope . . . . .	2.00
Liberty . . . . .	2.25
Chalcedona . . . . .	1.00
Antioch . . . . .	1.00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$17.15</u>

A general missionary collection was taken, amounting to \$3.00.

Preaching by Bro. Wingo, followed by Bro. Loyd.

Rev. James Owens was appointed to preach the missionary sermon. Alternates, Bros. Posey and Red.

On motion, a ministers' and deacons' meeting was appointed, to be held with Chalcedona Church, on Friday before the 3rd Saturday in July, 1895.

Springdale Church was selected as the next meeting place for the first District Meeting, to be held on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in May, 1895.

On motion, New Hope Church was selected as the next meeting place for the second.

On motion, Trinity Church was appointed the next meeting place of this Association; to be held on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1895.

W. B. Shaw was appointed to preach the introductory sermon.

#### SATUBDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Bro. Wingo read the 1st Psalm.

On motion, Bro. Loyd was received as correspondent from Birmingham Association.

On motion, letter from Antioch Church was read and received.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Bro. Owens, followed by Bro. Posey.

On motion, Secretary was instructed to furnish copies to each church according to the money she paid in for minutes.

Secretary was instructed to have 300 copies of the proceedings of this Association printed, and to distribute them.

Minutes of this Association read and approved.

The following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That this body tender the thanks of the Association to the people of Chalybeate Springs Church for their hospitable entertainment of this Association.

Preaching by W. C. McLaughlin.

Minutes approved.

Adjourned.

W. C. McLAUGHLIN, Moderator,

H. C. HOUSE, Clerk and Treasurer.

# STATISTICS OF MINERAL SPRINGS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	CLERK'S POST OFFICE	Membership last reported	Increased by				Decreased by				Present Member- ship
						Baptism	Letter	Voucher	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Expulsion	Death	
Antioch .....	Jefferson	S. L. Waldrop.....	S. L. Waldrop...	Linns Cr'ing	...	1	2	...	...	5	2	...	...	24
ChalvbeateSpr'gs	"	W. C. McLaughlin	W. H. Kuhn.....	Coalburg	...	9	1	...	1	4	...	...	...	7
Chalcedon 2	"	W. D. Shaw.....	J. G. Reid.....	Morris	...	18	9	...	...	7	...	...	1	47
Liberty.....	"	J. H. Pool.....	B. F. Hughes.....	"	97	10	5	...	...	1	1	...	...	110
Mineral Springs..	"	W. C. Wingo.....	W. E. Shelton...	Brookside.	...	12	4	...	1	8	1	...	...	8
Mt. Olive.....	"	J. S. Jernigan.....	J. B. McCormack	"	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	25
New Hope.....	"	W. D. Shaw.....	T. S. Teer.....	Pratt.....	55	6	6	...	...	4	3	1	...	59
Springdale.....	"	M. T. Branham...	J. C. Draper.....	Birmingham	58	8	13	...	...	12	...	...	1	66
Watts' Union. ...	"	T. D. Folcomb...	E. G. Bibb.....	Warrior.....	...	6	3	1	...	3	...	...	...	28
New Bethel.....	"	J. A. Owens.....	W. J. Lee.....	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88

N. B.—The clerks of the various churches will please notice and make a full report of every department of their churches as you see in this table, and oblige the clerk of the Association.

